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Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Re: Test Burn of Coal Refuse by Sunnyside Cogeneration Facility, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, C/007/036, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

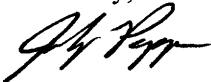
Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is requesting authorization to allow the removal and transport of 1,000 to 2,000 tons from its Star Point Mine refuse pile to Sunnyside Cogeneration's permitted facility (C/007/035) to evaluate the refuse material by doing a test burn.

Refuse material will be removed from various locations on the refuse pile to evaluate its potential use as a fuel for the power plant. The goal is to obtain a representative sample of the refuse pile to determine whether it meets the criteria for a feed stock. If the test burn is successful, then Sunnyside Cogeneration Facility may wish to drill the refuse pile to delineate its composition relative to its use as a fuel for the power plant.

The areas where refuse is removed from the pile will be groomed/reworked to ensure that proper drainage and slope stability are maintained.

The benefits to using the refuse material as a fuel source is well known, therefore PMC is seeking the Division's authorization to the remove and transport the refuse material for test burning at the Sunnyside Cogeneration Power Plant. If the Division has any questions or needs additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,



Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

cc: B. Malencik - PFO

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